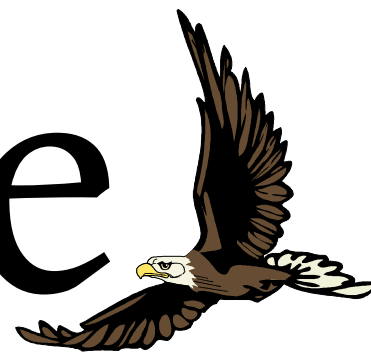


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## Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

### Ceremony

Lt. Col. John O'Connor will assume command of the 96th Flying Training Squadron at 5 p.m. today.

Col. Patrick A. Collins, 340th Flying Training Group commander, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, will be the presiding officer.

The ceremony is scheduled to be held at the flightline. In case of inclement weather, the alternate site is the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

### Assessment

A team from the Air Force Security Forces Center visits Laughlin Monday to conduct an Air Force Vulnerability Assessment.

The team will assist the wing in meeting anti-terrorism/force protection responsibilities and identify vulnerabilities and options to reduce the potential impact of terrorist attacks.

While the assessment will be invisible to most base agencies and residents, you may notice the team in selected work areas and on the perimeter.

### Family Day

The Family Day parade starts at 9 a.m. at the chapel, with an Easter egg hunt beginning at 10 a.m. sharp at the Fiesta Center.

In addition to the egg hunt and parade, there will be displays by the security forces canine team and the fire department. There will also be food booths and a variety of games.

For more information, call Christine Engel at 298-6495.

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### Monthly Flying Goal

	T-37	T-1	T-38
Goal	3656	959	1529
Remain	878	209	282
Delta*	+74	-3	+108

Information current as of March 24.

\*Sorties ahead/ behind schedule



Photo by 2nd Lt. Doug Sherrod

### Cool down

Airmen 1st Class Chad Workman and Benny Baladez, 47th Civil Engineering Squadron Fire Protection Flight, practice aircraft firefighting handline operations at the main station here. The firefighters here work and train long hours to ensure the continuing protection of the base.

## 47th Medical Group offers solutions to upcoming summer manning shortage

The 47th Medical Group will experience a dramatic decrease in assigned providers during the summer assignment turnover between May 15 and Aug. 31.

"Two-thirds of our medical providers will be departing Laughlin as a result of reassignment or separation," said Col. Joan Griffith, 47th Medical Group commander. In addition, during this period, a number of support personnel, nurses and medical technicians will leave the facility, the colonel said.

The clinic has gone to great lengths to minimize any impact on patient care, said Griffith. Provider schedules will be changed, manning assistance may be utilized, and (as of Monday) the Obstetrics Clinic will be combined with the Primary Care Clinic – resulting in a consolidated clinic called the Family Care Clinic.

"This move utilizes and maintains the availability of appointments and services for our beneficiaries," said Griffith. "The new Family Care Clinic will use centralized reception (formerly the Primary Care Clinic) for all patients and will increase clinic efficiency in providing care."

### 47th Medical Group projected manpower changes

Clinic/Area	Present	Summer	Fall
Primary Care	5	2	4
Internal Medicine	2	1	1
Flight Medicine	3	1	2
Nurses	4	2	4
Technicians	22	16	20

By April 15, a prescription renewal telephone service will be available through the Family Care Clinic. By calling 298-6431, patients will be able to renew prescriptions that have expired or run out of refills. The information patients will be requested to give will be reviewed by providers and (in almost all cases) prescriptions will be renewed without requiring patients to walk into the clinic. The prescriptions will be available for pick-up 24 hours

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# Having a plan of action can be the difference between life and death in the fierce, deadly storms called ...



## Tornadoes

**By Capt. Joe Schwarz**  
47th Operations Support Squadron

Severe weather outbreaks can, and do, occur at Laughlin. When severe weather does happen, you may have only a short amount of time to make life-or-death decisions. Severe weather season is upon us and now is the time to prepare.

The most significant hazards associated with severe weather are lightning, flooding, and tornadoes. Knowing what actions to take before, during, and after the occurrence of these hazards could save you and your family's life.

This week, I will highlight tornadoes, and procedures you should follow if one should threaten our area. Tornadoes are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200 to 300 miles per hour can occur with the most violent of these storms.

If a tornado is approaching, do you know what to do to reduce your risk of becoming a fatality?

Stay tuned for local storm warnings. Listen to your local radio, TV stations or the Commander's

Access Channel for updated storm information. It is important to know what a tornado watch and warning means: a tornado **WATCH** means a tornado is possible in your area; a tornado **WARNING** means a tornado has been sighted, or identified on weather radar and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately!

When a tornado watch is issued, listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates. Be alert to changing weather conditions. Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you – many people say an approaching tornado “sounds like a freight train.”

The Laughlin Weather Operations Flight issues watches and warnings for the base area (identified as a five nautical-mile circle, centered on the airfield). Civilian tornado watches and warnings are issued by county in Texas by the National Weather Service. Tornadoes often form with little advance warning and your only notification may be a warning siren. If sounded,

the warning siren will be a 3 to 5 minute steady tone – **take cover immediately!**

When a tornado warning is issued and you are inside, go to a place in your house that will provide the most protection. Go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor (such as a closet or bathroom). Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.

If you are in a school, hospital, factory, or shopping center, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places, or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down on your knees and cover your head to minimize your risk of being hit by flying debris. If you are in a high-rise building, go to an interior small room or hallway. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.

If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a sturdy building nearby or go to a designated storm shelter. If you find yourself with no suitable structure nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

If you are in a car or a mobile home when threatened by a tornado, abandon it immediately! Most deaths caused by tornadoes occur in cars and mobile homes.

If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter. In the absence of these options, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head. Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. A tornado's path is quite unpredictable and you can very quickly find yourself trapped – a tornado can readily damage a car beyond recognition.

After the tornado passes, be cautious for fallen power lines and stay out of damaged areas. Listen to the radio for information and instructions. If possible, use a flashlight to inspect your home for damage – **DO NOT** use candles due to possible gas leaks.

The greatest threat of severe weather in southwest Texas is from March through August, though life-threatening weather can occur at any time of the year. Having a plan of action for you and your family when severe weather threatens can mean the difference between life and death!

***If you are in a car or a mobile home when threatened by a tornado, abandon it immediately! Most deaths caused by tornadoes occur in cars and mobile homes.***

## People First:

### Military pay information now just a 'Pay Call' away

In December 1997 the Defense Finance and Accounting Service established a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, automated telephone system from which Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard people can get limited information about their pay accounts.

Although Air Force policy requires airmen to contact their servicing finance office if they have specific questions about military pay and travel matters, the Pay Call system offers general information about a person's pay account.

By accessing Pay Call, members can:

- ☐ Find out the amount of their last regular paycheck;
- ☐ Obtain federal and state tax data;
- ☐ Obtain debt balance information;
- ☐ Obtain direct deposit and pay statement address information;
- ☐ Get a list of allotments currently in effect; no history information is available;
- ☐ Obtain current leave balance and last leave posted to their pay record; and
- ☐ Be re-issued a W-2 for prior tax year, only if no address correction is needed.

In addition, recently separated airmen (up to 11 months) can get debt information, final pay amount and be reissued a W-2 and tax information.

First-time callers will be asked questions to confirm their identity before they are allowed to establish a personal identification number. A second PIN may also be established to allow a second person, such as a spouse, to obtain pay information. Once a PIN is established, it must be used for all future inquiries.

If, on future calls, airmen forget their PIN, they are given three chances to enter it. If unsuccessful, the account is locked and the call is transferred to a customer service representative. The representative will reset the PIN and have the airmen re-establish their PIN just like first-time callers. The representatives are only available weekdays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. MST.

Pay Call can be accessed by calling toll free 1-800-755-7413 from the United States or DSN 926-1281 from overseas. Also, information on Pay Call can be found at [www.dfas.mil/agency/centers/dfasde/denew4.htm](http://www.dfas.mil/agency/centers/dfasde/denew4.htm).

## Actionline

Call 298-5351

when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

*Dan R. Goodrich*  
**Col. Dan R. Goodrich**

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Social Actions	298-5400
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**“Excellence –  
not our goal, but  
our standard.”**  
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of March 22  
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	1	11
Off-duty mishaps	7	7
Traffic mishaps	1	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	3	3
Fatalities	0	2

Base to undergo energy savings renovation

**Capt. Sean M. O'Brien**  
47th Civil Engineering Squadron

On March 17, Laughlin began the first phase of an Energy Savings Performance Contract designed to upgrade base infrastructure through energy savings.

Siemens Inc. was awarded the ESPC for the region Laughlin falls within and is responsible for performing energy assessments. After the assessments, Siemens will install new energy-efficient equipment to replace heating and cooling machinery that does not meet set energy consumption standards.

The Air Force has \$200 billion over 25 years to spend on this project; however, in a few years the ESPC renovation should start paying for itself. After the Air Force pays for the equipment (typically over five to ten years), it will retain ownership and keep 100 percent of the energy savings revenue the new system provides.

Siemens will only be paid out of documented savings from Laughlin utility bills. In other words the base will not have to pay anything more than it was already paying. If the new system fails to provide energy savings, Siemens does not get paid for that

equipment.

The contract is broken down into three phases.

Phase I of the ESPC is the Preliminary Energy Audit and should last approximately 45 - 60 days. Representatives from Siemens will visit many base facilities to evaluate energy consumption and to install equipment to log actual energy consumption. This will help Siemens determine a baseline from which to make their energy saving recommendations.

Air Force personnel are encouraged to continue using energy savings techniques such as turning off lights and computers when not in use, keeping doors and windows shut while the air conditioner is running, and keeping thermostats at one setting.

Phase II begins when the Air Force decides to go ahead with one or more of the energy saving proposals identified from Phase I. During this phase, Siemens provides a detailed measurement and verification plan, cost summaries, and cut sheets for

all new equipment. At the end of Phase II, the Air Force develops a task order to install the new equipment.

Phase III, installing the new energy efficient equipment, may takesix months to a year. Once equipment is installed, Siemens will maintain all the new equipment until it is paid for and turned over to the government.

Reductions in energy consumption will create revenue

that can be used to fund other Air Force programs. The base is scheduled to meet the 30 percent energy reduction goal from 1985 energy levels by 2005.

The contract is not a one-time deal for a base. Another Phase I can begin any time energy savings opportunities are identified.

Support from base personnel can be helpful in maximizing the rewards of this contract. For more information, call Janie Gunter at 5960 or Capt. Sean M. O'Brien at 5853.

Air Force announces 1999 chronic critical skills list

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Airmen in 17 specialties will receive slightly higher promotion rates than the rest of the force because of people shortages.

The Air Force released its 1999 chronic critical shortage skills list March 26. Those fields listed will have higher promotion rates for the 99E5, 99E6 and 99E7 cycles.

The list is designed to help reduce staff, technical and master sergeant shortages in certain sortie-generating and readiness-related skills by giving airmen eligible for promotion to these noncommissioned officer grades a promotion advantage.

People in chronic critical shortage specialties skills are promoted at 1.2 times the Air Force average. For example, if the Air Force average for a particular promotion cycle is 15 percent, then chronic critical shortage skills are promoted at an 18 percent rate.

An Air Force specialty code is placed on the chronic critical shortage skills list when the skill's staff, technical and master sergeant manning is below and projected to remain below 90 percent. Once placed on the list, an AFSC remains there for at least two years or until NCO manning for the Air Force Specialty Code is above 95 percent.

The current chronic critical shortage list will be in effect for the 99E5, 99E6 and 99E7 promotion cycles and consists of these AFSCs:

- 1A3X1: Airborne communications systems
- 1A4X1X: Airborne battle management systems/weapons directors

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EQUAL list for overseas returnees out April 14

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – The latest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available overseas returnee enlisted assignments becomes available at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page April 14.

This list includes assignments for people eligible to return from overseas in August through October.

Personnel officials recommend assignment preferences be updated by April 27 to ensure the information is updated in the computer system before actual assignments are made. Officials with AFPC here said assignments would be released on or about May 27.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty code and rank and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to more realistically match vacancies that will be

filled in a particular cycle.

Local military personnel flights offer a publication titled "Enlisted Overseas Returnee Counseling Handout," which explains how to use EQUAL. New listings are released quarterly for assignments available at overseas locations as well as assignments available for those returning from overseas areas.

All special-duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

Military personnel flights and commanders support staff offices have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences. People who are on temporary duty during the advertising period should contact the nearest personnel office for assistance.

People can access the list on the AFPC Web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>; then click on the "military assignments" text.  
(Courtesy AETCNS)

## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Burke, Va.

**Family:** Dogs: Jessica and Maddie (9 months, 6 months old). Cats: Ralph and Bernie (7.5 years old).

**Time at Laughlin:** 1 1/2 years

**Time in service:** 6 years, 10 months.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** To fly and see the world.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin or in the Air Force:** Change the climate.

**Greatest accomplishment:** Getting a squadron of F-15 pilots to accept me as one of their peers.

**Long-term goals:** To fly, get married and have a family.

**Motto:** "Never quit."

**Hobbies:** Playing with my dogs and cats, reading, going to the gym, model trains.

**Bad habit:** Procrastination.

**If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?**  
Amelia Earhart- so I could tell her not to fly that day!



**Capt. Maria Randolph**  
87th Flying Training Squadron  
Instructor Pilot

# What is your proudest accomplishment in the Air Force?



"Completing Undergraduate pilot training. It was nice to finally get the wings."

**Capt. Dennis Dewitt**  
*85th Flying Training Squadron  
Instructor Pilot*



"Completing my 5-level and working toward my Community College of the Air Force degree at the same time while maintaining my job performance at a level higher than Air Force standards."

**Senior Airman Daniel E. Glick**  
*47th Civil Engineering Squadron  
Fire Protection Specialist*



"Being part of a team that has won three consecutive command-level of the year awards: Best Comptroller Office in Air Education and Training Command '96 and '97, Best Financial Analysis Award in AETC '98 and the Special Acts and Services Award to the Comptroller Flight for 1998."

**Jim Capozziello**  
*47th Comptroller Flight  
Financial Analyst*



"Becoming a senior noncommissioned officer in the Air Force so that I may better mentor and lead younger airmen to accomplish their objectives."

**Master Sgt. Sandy Harper**  
*47th Mission Support Squadron  
Family Readiness Coordinator*



## Hazardous recall:

DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commis-

# AAFES, CPSC voluntarily recall faulty carbon monoxide alarms

sion and Kidde Safety of Mebane, N.C., is voluntarily recalling “Nighthawk” and “Lifesaver” carbon monoxide alarms. The Lifesaver models potentially alarm late or not at all. The Nighthawk models potentially alarm late.

The items affected by the recall are all “Nighthawk” models manufactured between Nov. 8 and

March 9. The manufacturing date is on the back of the unit as year, month and day. “Nighthawk” and “Carbon Monoxide Alarm” are written on the front of the unit. If “Carbon Monoxide Detector” is written on the front, the unit is operating properly and is not recalled.

Also affected by the recall are

“Lifesaver” models 9CO-1 and 9CO-1C. They were both manufactured between June 1, 1997 and January 31, 1998. The manufacturing date is on the back of the unit as the first six numbers in the serial number, located above the UPC code. The manufacturing date is written as year, month and day. “Lifesaver” and “Carbon

Monoxide Detector” are written on the front of the unit.

The two alarms are used to detect carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can leak from fuel-burning appliances. Initial symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to the flu, and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. High-level exposure can cause death.

Kidde Safety and CPSC are not aware of any injuries involving the products. This recall is to prevent possible injury.

Customers should contact Kidde Safety toll-free at (888) 543-3346 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST to identify whether their alarms are involved in the recall.

With the exception of overseas customers, consumers should not return the item to the store where they purchased it. Instead, consumers who call will be sent a postage-paid envelope to return the alarm. “Lifesaver” models will be repaired, and “Nighthawk” models will be inspected and tested, and repaired if needed.

Kidde Safety has informed CPSC that consumers will receive alarms back within 30 days. All returned alarms will be recertified.

These carbon monoxide alarms are not issued through the Laughlin Pride Store. Organizations or individuals in the process of purchasing Carbon Monoxide detectors should check to ensure they have not, and do not, receive the models being recalled, according to Shirley Pritchett, 47th Civil Engineering Squadron housing flight chief.

(AFPN)

# Enlisted promotion rates will continue to increase

WASHINGTON – Promotion rates for noncommissioned officers will continue to make gains in 1999, according to Air Force personnel officials.

The rates for staff, technical and master sergeants will improve. Additionally, senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant promotion rates will remain above Total Objective Plan for Career Airmen Personnel, or TOPCAP, minimums.

“Our end-strength draw-down programs, which began in the late ’80s and carried through the mid-’90s, were designed to spread personnel reductions across all grades,” said Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, deputy chief of staff for personnel. “We reduced accessions, incentivized losses and liberalized miscellaneous separation policy.

“The reductions also limited our ability to promote to as high a level as we would have liked. However, we’re now in a period of relative stability and have the opportunity to raise promotion rates.”

For the third consecutive year, the Air Force will increase promotion rates for staff, technical and master sergeants. This year, personnel officials project the largest increase for promotion to master sergeant, an increase of 7.68 percentage points from the 1998 rate. This year the promotion rate for master sergeant is projected to be 30.2 percent.

Technical sergeants are projected to have a promotion rate of 24.1 percent, an increase of 5.59 percentage points from last year’s rate. In 1999, the officials expect the staff sergeant promotion rate will be 28.9 percent, a jump of 6.25 percentage points from the 22.65 percent selection rate in 1998.

Senior and chief master sergeant promotions are constrained by law to no more than 3 percent of the total enlisted end strength. With this in mind, Peterson said, “End strength is a key determinant in rates for seniors and chiefs. Since end strengths vary from year to year based on our requirements, it makes it difficult

to predict precise promotion rates top two grades.”

He expects the promotion rates to remain above the TOPCAP minimum promotion selection rates, which are 6 percent for senior master sergeants and 13 percent for chief master sergeants.

“Our people are our most valuable asset,” Peterson said. “We are pleased to be able to increase promotion rates for 1999. It is good for our people and important for the Air Force. We owe it to our hardworking airmen to provide them the highest promotion rate our personnel system will permit. It also will ensure we have the right mix of experienced NCOs as we transition into an expeditionary aerospace force.”

The general added a final word of advice: “While increased promotion rates are clearly good news, it doesn’t guarantee one’s promotion goals. That requires individual hard work and continued dedication.”

**(AFPN)**

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later during the pharmacy’s normal duty hours.

Although patients on routine medications do require follow-up appointments to assess their status, this new prescription renewal service offers them the ability to continue routine medications without interruption until they can see their provider. “This service will enhance our ability to more effectively use appointment availability – thus increasing accessibility for our patients,” Griffith said. Patients who still have refills available on their medications still have the opportunity of requesting these refills through the pharmacy at 298-6451.

As always, TRICARE Prime enrollees will be given priority

to care. Due to Fiscal Year 2000 provider reductions, non-TRICARE Prime beneficiaries may see a decrease in access to “space available” care, said Griffith. “The military health system environment is constantly changing, and non-Prime beneficiaries should weigh the options of enrolling in TRICARE Prime to ensure their access to care through the clinic,” she continued.

If questions arise regarding benefits, contact the Health Benefits Advisor, Jack Wallace, at 298-6350. For appointments, call the Appointment Desk at 298-3578. For information about the TRICARE program or enrollment, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 800-406-2832, press Option #3, followed by #6.

(Courtesy, 47th Medical Group)

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- 1C1X1: Air traffic control
- 1C2X1: Combat control
- 1C3X1: Command and control
- 1C6X1: Space systems operations
- 1N0X1: Intelligence applications
- 1N1X1: Imagery analysis
- 1N3XXX: Cryptologic linguists
- 1N4X1: Signals intelligence analysis
- 1N5X1: Electronic signals intelligence exploitation
- 1T2X1: Pararescue
- 2A5X2: Helicopter maintenance
- 2A5X3C: Bomber avionics systems (communications, navigation and defensive avionics)
- 2A6X1B: Aerospace propulsion (turboprop-turbo shaft)
- 2M0X3: Missile and space facilities
- 8B000: Military training instructors

(Note: For AFSCs 1A4X1X and 1N3XXX, the “X” includes basic specialty code and all suffixes.)

(Courtesy of AFPCNS)



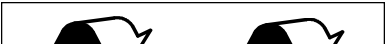
# Operation Allied Force drives Web traffic to new heights

By Capt. Bryan Hubbard  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – Interest in Operation Allied Force drove traffic at Air Force World Wide Web sites to new records between March 21 and Sunday. Air Force Link, the official Web site of the Air Force, had more than 2.15 million visitors for the week. This figure represents an increase of more than 300,000 over the previous week and more than 200,000 over the previous record set in December. Current events in Kosovo

can account for much of the traffic increase, and recent additions to the Air Force news services help satisfy public and Air Force audiences' hunger for hot news. On March 17, the Air Force launched U.S. Air Force Online News, the official corporate newspaper of the Air Force. This weekly publication provides a look at the top news facing the Air Force, commentary on important issues and letters to the editor on items that hit close to home for readers. Also, Online News uses a breaking news Web page to keep

readers up to date between weekly editions. Targeted specifically at providing comprehensive coverage of the U.S. Air Force's role supporting NATO's Operation Allied Force, the Air Force also developed its Crisis in Kosovo Web page. Produced by Air Force Print News, a branch of Air Force News Service at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, readers can find an index of the news coverage, photos and background material related to the operation. See 'Web,' page 13



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Air Force Link periodically provides special topic-related Web sites that help collect information available from Air Force sources.

Air Force Link also offers a comprehensive search engine capable of searching every official publicly accessible Air Force Web site to help readers find all they can on items of interest.

The traffic increase demonstrates the importance of the Web to the Air Force’s communication, said David Compton, senior administrator

of the Air Force Web Information Service.

“People are not satisfied with day-old news. They want news on demand and are relying more and more on online sources for their information.”

Many commercial news providers on the Web also reported major traffic increases last week as the demand for timely news of actions in Kosovo grew. Similar traffic increases have occurred in concert with other major news events like the release of the Starr report in September and Operation Desert Fox in January.

(AFPN)

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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If you suspect FWA, call the hotline at 4170.

## Eagles soar over the Chiefs 8-4, win second consecutive match-up

The Eagles (plus a few friends) parlayed hot bats and surprising fielding to overpower the Chiefs (and other stripers), 8-4, in softball action at Babe Ruth field here last week. The win was the second con-

secutive triumph for the Eagles, who edged out the Chiefs, 13-12, in a hard-fought battle in October.

The Chiefs opened the game with a string of hits and jumped to a quick 1-0 lead. However,

the brass responded with two runs to answer the challenge in the bottom of the first. Both squads fought to break out to a substantial lead for several innings. Finally, the Eagles loaded the bases in the fourth inning. Strong hitting by Lt. Col. Jerry Young and Lt. Col. René Rendón drove five runs home, putting the Eagles on top for good, 7-3.

The Eagles later added a run, but the Chiefs waited until their last opportunity to mount any challenge. In the seventh inning, they pushed across one run and then loaded the bases. However, Col. Dan Goodrich demonstrated the good defense of the Eagles team when he snagged a fly ball for the final out and the win.

“The game was an outstanding show of esprit de corps for the wing,” said Goodrich. “But most of all, the game was played for a good cause - Operation Jingle.”

The win boosts the Eagles to a record of 2-0 over the Chiefs.



Photo by 1st Lt. Angela O'Connell

James Harper, Chiefs team, powers the ball toward the outfield during the March 25 Chiefs-Eagles softball game. The Eagles were victorious 8-4 in the game, played to raise funds for Operation Jingle.

## Easter parade

The Integrated Delivery System Subcommittee is sponsoring a parade and egg hunt this Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The parade starts at 9 a.m. and will go from the Chapel to the Fiesta Center. Parents are encouraged to decorate their children's strollers, bicycles and skates. Prizes will be awarded in different age categories.

An Easter egg hunt follows the parade at 10 a.m. and ends when the last egg is found.

The Security Forces will have a weapons display and canine demonstration. The Fire Department's "hot" smokehouse will be on display. Sparky, the Fire Dog, and McGruff, the Crime Dog, will also be on hand.

Attendees can enjoy fajitas, hot dogs, sausage and baked goods.

For more information, call Christine Engel at 6495 or the Fiesta Center at 5474.

## New pharmacy hours

An evaluation of the demand for prescriptions between 7 - 7:30 a.m. has revealed that the number of prescriptions filled during these times does not reflect

efficient utilization of staffing.

In view of this, and current and projected staffing decreases, the clinic will make the following changes to its pharmacy hours effective Monday:

Monday - Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For questions concerning the pharmacy, call Capt. Deryck Hill at 6451.

## Youth camp

Laughlin's St. Francis of Assisi Catholic community will hold their weekend youth camp May 21 - 23 at the H.E.B. Foundation camp grounds near Leakey, Texas. The cost of attending the camp is \$35.

Sign-up has started and will end Monday. Payment is due at sign-up.

Call Leslee Eastwood at 298-5111 for further information.

## OB/GYN move

The 47th Medical Group is temporarily relocating OB/GYN services into the Primary Care Clinic starting Monday. This move will improve the overall effectiveness and versatility of our medical personnel and ensure the highest quality of care for all patients.

The quantity and variety of services presently being rendered to OB/GYN and Primary Care patients will remain unchanged.

Questions concerning this issue may be addressed to Lt. Col. Kathy Higgins at 6314.

## Charity golf tournament

The 5th Annual Ayude Golf Tournament will be held on May 1 to benefit the Hungry Kids International Children's Orphanages. There is a \$30 entry fee that includes half cart, breakfast, brisket plate lunch and drinks. Greens fees are an additional charge.

Teams will be four-man select-shot. Prizes totaling \$300 will be given to the top three teams in the tournament.

To sign up, call Tommy Sondag at 5328.

## Library programs

The Book Mark Library is currently offering the following programs:

Story Time - volunteer-conducted reading program for children;

Internet access - access provided by Park College at four terminals on a first-come, first served basis;

YMCA Young Readers Program - essay contest for readers in different age groups.

If you are interested in any of these programs, call 5119.

## Scholarships

The Laughlin Officer's Spouses' Club and USPA/IRA are offering scholarships to military dependents who are graduating or have graduated from a local accredited high school. In addition, the OSC is offering scholarships to active duty or reserve military E-4 and below and spouses of active duty or reserve military personnel assigned to Laughlin.

All scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, leadership and citizenship. High school seniors may obtain guidelines and applications through counseling offices of Del Rio, Brackettville, Eagle Pass, Uvalde and Comstock high schools. Guidelines for military and spouses are available in the Base Education Office.

Call 289-1374 for more information.

## More scholarships

The Xi Phi Sorority has two \$250 college scholarships available. Anyone may apply. Applications are available at South West Texas Junior College or Sul Ross University financial aid offices. The deadline for applications is April 30.

Call 774-3977 for more information.

## Golf tournament

The 28th Annual Commander's Golf Tournament is being held April 16-18 at the base course. There are still spots available.

If interested, please call Wing Protocol at 5689.

## Health care forum

The Health Care Advisory Council will meet at 1 p.m. today in the wing conference room. This is an excellent opportunity for the community to express their satisfaction with or concerns about health care at Laughlin.

Representatives from most base organizations and from the retired population meet with members of the Clinic Executive Committee once a quarter on an informal basis.

Call Mina Rodriguez at 6311 for additional information or to indicate attendance.

## Civilian employee transactions

The Air Force Personnel Center announced that all civilian employees serviced by them can now complete the following transactions via the BEST website:

- elections under "New Permanent Employees and Temporary Employees Completing One year of Continuous Federal Service;"

- changes and, or elections under "Federal Employee Health Benefits Non-Open Season Enrollment/Changes in Enrollment;"

- complete and print the "Statement of Foster Child Status;"

- obtain the necessary forms to enroll in "Temporary Continuation of Coverage."

## Financial management classes

The Family Support Center's Personal Financial Management Program manager is offering the following classes in the coming weeks:

Budget workshop, 9 - 10 a.m. Tuesday,

Personal Financial Management program for 1st Termers, 1 - 2:30 p.m. April 9,

Understanding Credit, 9 - 10 a.m. April 13.

Understanding Credit and Budgeting, 8 - 9:30 a.m. May 6.

Basic Investing, 9 - 10 a.m. May 14.

Bundles for Babies, 1 - 2:30 p.m. May 21.

Classes will be held at the FSC; spouses are welcome.

Call 5109 to schedule.



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## School's in session

Senior Airman Roxanne Cortez, 87th Flying Training Squadron and student commander for Airman Leadership School Class 99-A, prepares a two-fisted return during a contest between the ALS students and the base's 'Top Three' Tuesday at the XL Fitness Center. The students may have learned a lesson in humility, as they were bested by the savvy veterans 2-1 in a three game series.